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**ROMNEY ANNOUNCES \$34 MILLION IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

*68 communities statewide share funds for various local improvement projects*

Governor Mitt Romney today announced the award of \$34 million in Community Development Block Grants to 68 cities and towns across the Commonwealth to help bolster local businesses and to support housing rehabilitation and infrastructure projects as well as improvements to existing public facilities, and social services.

“These grants play an important role in helping us to continue implementing ‘Smart Growth’ strategies in Massachusetts,” said Romney. “Whether these funds are used to support affordable housing renovation projects, assist first-time homebuyers, or fix our streets and sidewalks, or improve small businesses and public services, they will help to improve our overall quality of life in the Commonwealth.”

Community Development Block Grants are funded by the federal government and are administered to communities with populations of less than 50,000 residents by the state Department of Housing and Community Development. The primary objective of the CDBG program is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income. Eligible communities with populations greater than 50,000 receive CDBG funds directly from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

“Because these grants can be used in so many different ways to meet community needs, it is an extremely popular and valuable program,” said DHCD Director Jane Wallis Gumble. “It is even more valuable today with Governor Romney’s emphasis on investing our resources in and around central business districts or traditional city or town centers, near transit stations, or in areas that have been previously developed for commercial, industrial or institutional uses.”

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Award list attached:

### FY2004 Mass. CDBG Awards

Community	Other Participants	Summary	Award
Adams		Housing Rehabilitation (8 units)	\$ 800,000
Amesbury		Commercial Rehabilitation, Public Facility Renovation, Housing Rehabilitation (9 units)	\$ 600,000
Ashby		Public Facility (Upper Millyard) Improvement, Architectural Barrier Removal at Town Library	\$ 800,000
Athol		Microenterprise Assistance, Public Social Services, Architectural Barrier Removal at Memorial Hall	\$ 557,411
Athol	Petersham, Royalston	Housing Rehabilitation (15 units)	\$ 580,000
Ayer		Housing Rehabilitation (21 units)	\$ 800,000
Brookfield		Infrastructure Improvements, Planning	\$ 800,000
Chester	Huntington	Infrastructure Improvements, Public Social Services,	\$ 822,770
Chesterfield	Cummington, Goshen Plainfield, Williamsburg, Westhampton, Worthington	Housing Rehabilitation (16 units), First-Time Homebuyer Program, Microenterprise Assistance (25 businesses), Public Social Services, Planning/Feasibility Studies	\$1,200,000
Dartmouth		Housing Rehabilitation (10 units)	\$ 227,137
Dennis		Housing Rehabilitation (25 units)	\$ 699,245
Eastham	Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet Orleans, Brewster, Harwich, Chatham	Housing Rehabilitation (40 units)	\$1,201,650
Easthampton		Housing Rehabilitation (16 units), First Time Homebuyer Program	\$ 630,580
Everett		Infrastructure Improvements, Public Social Services	\$ 600,000
Gardner Templeton		Housing Rehabilitation (8 units), Downtown Planning, Clearance, Public Facilities, Public Social Services, Barrier Removal Planning	\$ 756,000
Greenfield		Microenterprise Assistance, Infrastructure Improvements, Planning, Public Social Services	\$ 600,000
Hardwick		Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 800,000
Holbrook		Architectural Barrier Removal at Town Hall	\$ 786,400
Holland		Senior Center	\$ 800,000
Lancaster	Harvard, Lunenburg Sterling	Housing Rehabilitation (28 units)	\$1,200,000
Mansfield		Housing Rehabilitation (22 units)	\$ 642,500
Marlborough	Hudson	Brownfield Clean-Up, Housing Rehabilitation (17 units), Public Social Services	\$ 800,000
Maynard		Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 670,250
Methuen		Housing Rehabilitation (12 units), Housing Code Enforcement, Commercial Rehabilitation, Infrastructure Improvements, Public Facility Improvements, Public Social Services	\$ 600,000
Montague	Amherst, Gill Deerfield	Housing Rehabilitation (20 units), Microenterprise Assistance, Public Social Services	\$1,021,429
Nantucket		Housing Rehabilitation (25 units)	\$ 745,660
North Adams		Clearance, Infrastructure Improvements, Public Facility Improvements, Fire Truck Acquisition	\$ 600,000

Northbridge		Housing Rehabilitation (8 units), Public Social Services, Downtown Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 600,000
Norwood		Housing Rehabilitation (15 units), Commercial Rehabilitation	\$ 800,000
Orange		Infrastructure Improvements, Planning, Public Social Services	\$ 800,000
Palmer		Housing Rehabilitation (4 units), Infrastructure Improvements,	\$
607,934		Public Social Service	
Peabody		Housing Rehabilitation (25 units), Public Social Services	\$ 800,000
Provincetown		Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 741,800
Revere		Housing Rehabilitation (10 units), Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 600,000
Salisbury		Housing Rehabilitation (12 units), Infrastructure (septic) for Manufactured Housing	\$ 800,000
Shelburne		Infrastructure Improvements, Public Social Services	\$ 800,000
Southbridge		Housing Rehabilitation (6 units), Commercial Rehabilitation, Planning, Infrastructure Improvements, Downtown Redevelopment Planning	\$ 600,000
Southwick		Housing Rehabilitation (18 units)	\$ 610,980
Ware		Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 797,049
Ware	Hardwick, Warren, Brookfield	Housing Rehabilitation (10 units)	\$ 365,280
Warren		Infrastructure Improvements, Planning	\$ 800,000
Watertown		Housing Rehabilitation (30 units)	\$ 450,000
Webster		Housing Rehabilitation (12 units), Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 800,000
Westport		Housing Rehabilitation (20 units)	\$ 486,160
West Springfield		Housing Rehabilitation (13 units), Housing Code Enforcement, Infrastructure Improvements, Public Social Services	\$ 600,000
Wilmington		Housing Rehabilitation (27 units)	\$ 794,765
Winchendon		Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 800,000